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Sir:

In reply to the June 28, 2002 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended to October 28, 2002 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An AC generator for a vehicle, comprising:

a rotor having a rotary shaft, a field winding, and a slip ring provided on one end of the rotary shaft and electrically connected to the field winding;

a brush unit having a brush held in sliding contact with the slip ring, a spring for pressing the brush, a brush holder having a portion for receiving the brush, and a slip ring cover for covering the outer periphery of the slip ring; and

a suction/discharge port that extends in an axial direction of the rotary shaft.